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SUBJ: IMCO 9TH ASSEMBLY

1. EMBOFF REVIEWED ASSEMBLY ISSUES WITH SEC GEN
SRIVASTAVA SEPT. 24. FOLLOWING ARE HIS VIEWS AND
REQUESTS FOR VIEWS OF U.S.:

(A) PRESIDENT OF ASSEMBLY: SRIVASTAVA BELIEVES
THAT PN VIEW HISTORY OF PERSONS CHOSEN FOR PRESIDENT OF
ASSEMBLY, TIME NOW RIPE FOR LATIN AMERICAN CANDIDATE.
BEST POSSIBILITY IN SEC GEN'S VIEW COULD BE ARGENTINE
AMBASSADOR TO UK, DR. MANUEL DE ANCHORENA, WHO HE SAID
HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN A VICE PRESIDENT OF ASSEMBLY.
SRIVASTAVA SAID UK SHARES HIS VIEW THAT LA CANDIDATE
WOULD BE GOOD CHOICE; HE ASKS OUR VIEW BOTH ON POSSI-
BILITY OF LA CANDIDATE AND ACCEPTABILITY OF ANCHORENA
IN PARTICULAR.

(B) COMMITTEE I CHAIRMAN: SRIVASTAVA SUGGESTS
THAT ASIAN CANDIDATE WOULD SEEM GOOD CHOICE FOR THIS
POSITION; HE SUGGESTED THAT INDONESIA, IN PERSON OF
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ADMIRAL NIPUNO, WHO WE UNDERSTAND IS DIRECTOR OF INDO-

NESIAN MARITIME COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE, WOULD SEEM
SUITABLE.

(NOTE: BOTH ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR AND ADM. NIPUNO SPEAK
GOOD ENGLISH ACCORDING TO SECGEN.)

(C) TECHNICAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: SRIVASTAVA
BELIEVES DEVELOPED COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED IN
THIS POSITION TO PROVIDE DESIRED TECHNICAL EXPERTISE.
HE HAD NO PROPOSAL FOR A CANDIDATE.

(D) COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: SRIVASTAVA SAID HE CANNOT
SEE ANY POSSIBILITY OF A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE CANDIDATE
TO ADMPRAL EDWARDS AND DOUBTS THAT THERE WILL BE ANY
CANDIDATE OTHER THAN EDWARDS WHOSE ELECTION, HE BELIEVES,
IS A CERTAINTY.

(E) ELECTIONS TO COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP: THE SECGEN
UNDERSTANDS THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL TRY TO ELECT
EIGHT MEMBERS TO COUNCIL IN FOLLOWING ORDER:

CATEGORY A - LIBERIA
CATEGORY B - CHINA, PLUS ONE OTHER
CATEGORY C - FIVE LDCS (PLUS ONE SOCIALIST
CANDIDATE)

HE BELIEVES CHINA IS SURE OF ELECTION UNDER "B" BUT IS
LESS CERTAIN THAT LIBERIA WILL BE ABLE TO GAIN SUFFI-
CIENT VOTES.

2. SECGEN PLANS TO VISIT ARGENTINA LEAVING LONDON AFTER-
NOON SEPT. 29. HE WOULD PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE RECEIV-
ING U.S. VIEWS ON HIS PROPOSAL RE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR
BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE IF POSSIBLE SO THAT IN CASE OUR
VIEW POSITIVE HE WILL BE IN BETTER POSITION TO OBTAIN
ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT DURING VISIT.

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